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Hon. William H. Donaldson U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 450 First Street NW Washington DC 20549 RE: File #S7-10-04

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Dear Chairman Donaldson:

As former Dean of the Jones School of Law, and as a six term State Senator, I am keenly aware of public policy. The trade through policy of the SEC was and is an outdated public policy that should be changed.

The free market system that the United States prides itself on and is the cornerstone of the securities markets is being stifled by this out dated rule. It simply hinders free choice for the investor.

If an investor chooses to have a quick transaction, over a low price, it is the investor's choice. I urge the approval of the rule.

Sincerely yours,

Senator Wendell Mitchell

CC: Commissioner Paul Atkins CC: Commissioner Roel C. Campos CC: Commissioner Cynthia A. Glassman CC: Commissioner Harvey J. Goldschmid CC: Congressman Spencer Bachus CC: Senator Richard Shelby